



***MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPIST AND SOCIAL WORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES***

DATE: November 21, 2003

PLACE: Department of Health
310 Israel Road SE
Olympia, Washington 98504

Committee Members: Brian Kennedy, Marriage and Family Therapist
Cheryl Storm, Marriage and Family Therapist
Judy Roberts, Mental Health
Laura Groshong, Social Worker
Susan Bogni, Public Member
Alison Hadley, Social Worker

Staff: Traci Black, Program Manager
Kitty Slater, Program Manager
Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director
Peter Harris, Staff Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Brian Kennedy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes were approved with amendments.

Ms. Black introduced Kristin Mitchell - Assistant Attorney General, Gail Yu – Assistant Attorney General, Laura Williams – Assistant Attorney General. Ms. Mitchell was assigned to the program for a very short time and is now being replaced by Gail Yu.

PROGRAM REPORT

Budget – The September 2003 budget reports for Marriage and Family Therapy, Mental Health and Social Worker was presented to the committee. The program will continue to monitor the budget.

License/Complaint/Discipline – Traci Black, Program Manager shared the following statistics: (As of November 21, 2003)

License Statistics:

Marriage/Family Therapist:

Active-917	Expired- 71	Candidates – 110
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Mental Health:

Active-3961	Expired-212	Candidates – 427
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Social Worker:

Active-2802	Expired-160	Candidates – 386
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Complaint/Disciplinary Statistics: (October 9, 2003 – November 20, 2003)

Licensed Marriage/Family Therapist:

Total Cases Opened:	1
Total Cases Closed:	4
Total Active Cases:	5

Licensed Mental Health:

Total Cases Opened:	6
Total Cases Closed:	5
Total Active Cases:	41

Licensed Social Worker:

Total Cases Opened:	2
Total Cases Closed:	1
Total Active Cases:	10

Committee Member Expired Terms/Vacancies – Judy Roberts, our new licensed Mental Health Counselor committee member was introduced to the

committee as an official member. Ms. Roberts term is effective from 7-22-03 through 7-22-06. We welcome Ms. Roberts and are very excited to have her on the committee.

Ethics Policy – Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director, shared with the committee the Health Professions Quality Assurance policy adopted on October 6, 2003, regarding Ethics. At the January meeting, Gail Yu – Assistant Attorney General, will provide an overview of this policy as it relates to committee members and the Department.

RULES REPORT

Traci Black, Program Manager, discussed clarification of supervision draft rules.

Ms. Black shared with the committee an update of the status of current rules.

Approved programs – A sub-committee was formed to discuss the issue relating to approved programs and what that means in the context of licensing.

Dual Relationships – This discussion was postponed.

Supervision – The current draft for the supervision rules were discussed. Ms. Black discussed with the committee the issue of supervisors not being qualified to supervise candidates and this puts the candidate at risk for denial of licensure. Ms. Black discussed with the committee that language should be included in the rule that a supervisor will need to sign an affidavit stating that they are qualified to act as a supervisor prior to the commencement of any supervision. The rules will be updated to incorporate this language.

The current supervision rules were also discussed in the context of the language being unclear in regards to what is actually required of candidates in hours of supervision by a qualified supervisor. Peter Harris, staff attorney, discussed his concerns with the language and the fact that this is in statute. Mr. Harris suggested that the RCW needs to be amended before the WAC can be amended. Mr. Harris will review the WAC's and the RCW and present information at the next meeting.

**ASSOCIATION OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY
REGULATORY BOARDS (AMFTRB) ANNUAL MEETING**

Brian Kennedy, Chair, attended the AMFTRB Annual Meeting in California. Mr. Kennedy provided a report to the committee regarding this meeting.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Any public comments were incorporated with the agenda items.

OTHER ISSUES

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for January 23, 2004, In Kent.

REVIEW OF MEETING

Kitty Slater reviewed the major points of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Traci Black, Program Manager

Brian Kennedy, Chair